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LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE

**Monday, April 27, 2009
6:00 p.m., PD&T to follow.
Room 161, UW-Extension
1150 Bellevue Street**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
 - II. Approve/Modify Agenda.
 - III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conversation Subcommittee of March 23, 2009.
 - IV. Set date and time for May meeting (currently falls on Memorial Day.)
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1. Budget Status Financial Report for March 31, 2009.
 2. Request for Budget Transfer (#09-24): Increase in Expenditure with Offsetting Increase in Revenue: Transfer for Soil and Water Resource Management cost share funding.
 3. Additional grant funding from NRDA funds for West Shore Pike Habitat Restoration project.
 4. Grant Application Review (#09-19) re: West Shore Pike Habitat and Baird Creek Habitat Protection Project.
 5. Letter from Brown County on cuts in State Funding for Land Conservation. (Attached: a) Joint finance budget and compliance letter with chapter 92 with attached petition; b) Lena Taylor Senator correspondence.)
 6. Director's report.
 7. Such other matters as authorized by law.

Norb Dantinne, Chair

Attachments

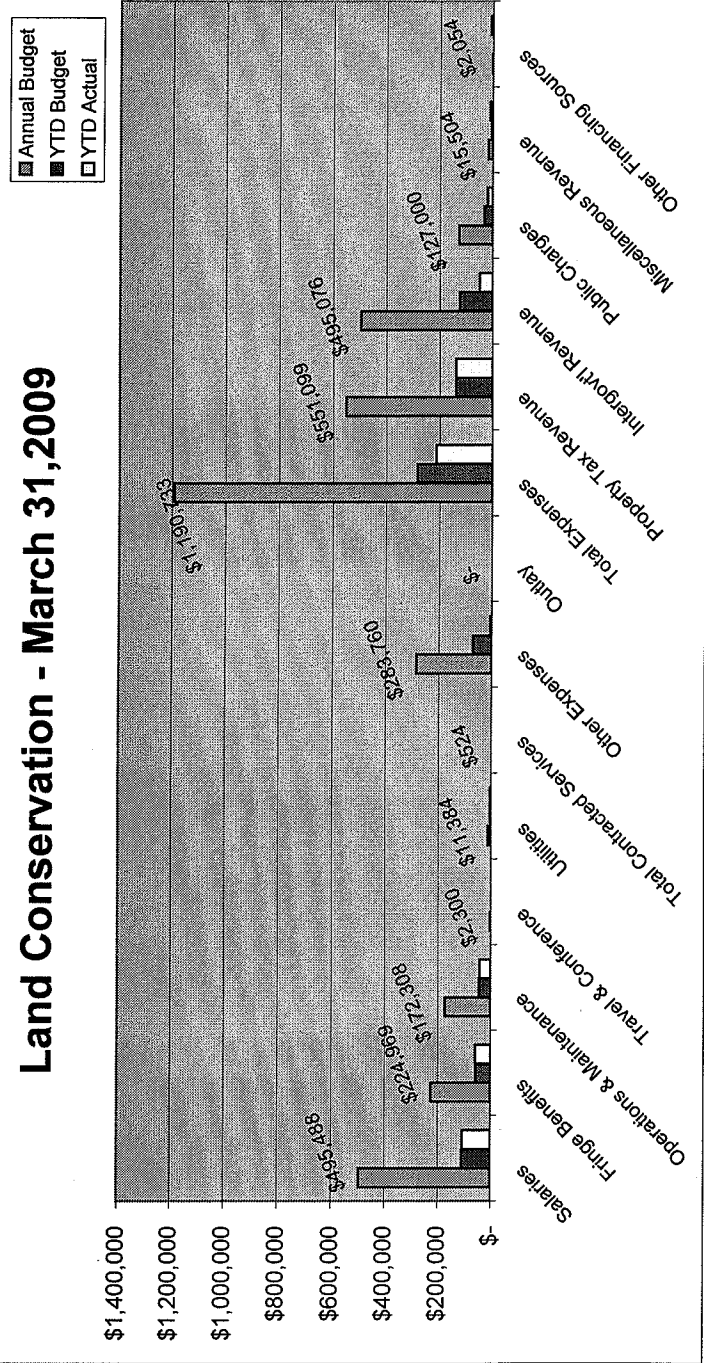
Notice is hereby given that action by the Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda.

Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda. Word97/Agendas/Lcc/April27_2009.doc

Brown County
Land Conservation
Budget Status Report
3/31/2009

	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
Salaries	\$ 495,488	\$ 108,626	\$ 106,310
Fringe Benefits	\$ 224,969	\$ 56,242	\$ 57,421
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 172,308	\$ 43,077	\$ 41,923
Travel & Conference	\$ 2,300	\$ 575	\$ 261
Utilities	\$ 11,384	\$ 2,846	\$ 2,606
Total Contracted Services	\$ 524	\$ 131	\$ -
Other Expenses	\$ 283,760	\$ 70,940	\$ 3,602
Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 1,190,733	\$ 282,437	\$ 212,123
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 551,099	\$ 137,775	\$ 137,775
Intergov't Revenue	\$ 495,076	\$ 123,769	\$ 48,780
Public Charges	\$ 127,000	\$ 31,750	\$ 17,908
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 15,504	\$ 3,876	\$ 9,995
Other Financing Sources	\$ 2,054	\$ 514	\$ 7,500
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 1,190,733	\$ 297,684	\$ 221,958

Land Conservation - March 31, 2009



REQUEST FOR BUDGET TRANSFER

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be completed for any Category 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, or 5 budget transfer. Completed forms should be submitted to the Department of Administration.

<u>TYPE OF TRANSFER</u> <u>(check one)</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPROVAL LEVEL</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 1	Reallocation from one line item to another within the major budget categories	Department Head
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 2	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Change in Outlay not requiring transfer of funds from another major budget category. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Change in any item within Outlay account which requires the transfer of funds from any other major budget category or the transfer of Outlay funds to another major budget category.	County Executive County Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 3	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Reallocation between Budget Categories other than 2b or 3b transfers. <input type="checkbox"/> b. Reallocation of Salaries and Fringe Benefits to another major budget category except contracted services, or reallocation to Salaries and Fringe Benefits from another major budget category except contracted services.	County Executive County Board
<input type="checkbox"/> Category 4	Interdepartmental Transfer (including contingency or general fund transfers)	County Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category 5	Increase in Expenditures with Offsetting Increase in Revenue	County Board

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION (attach additional sheets as needed). In narrative form, describe the requested transfer to include amount, account to transfer from, account to transfer to, and the effect on revenue and expense.

Request to adjust 2009 budgeted DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management line items to reflect final grant allocation from the State.

Decrease 10-4801-435856 (DATCP Land and Water Plan)	\$48,116
Decrease 10-4801-501377 (DATCP Land and Water Plan Payments)	\$48,116

Land and Water Conservation
Department

Bill Hays
Department Head

4-8-09
Date

☒ Approved
☐ Disapproved

Tom Kury
County Executive

4/14/09
Date

(PK)
4/14/09

-----Original Message-----

From: Teves, Mary R - DNR [mailto:Mary.Teves@Wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2009 3:06 PM
To: Jolly_JR
Cc: Hafs_BC
Subject: **MORE MONEY FOR BROWN COUNTY WEST SHORE PIKE HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT**

Jim,

I just got off the phone with Colette Charbohneau. Sounds like Brown County will be receiving another \$220,000 of NRDA money. Congratulations!

As I understand it, \$200,000 of this amount will be used for the continuation of the current Suamico/Little Suamico Watershed Pike Habitat Restoration project. Is this you're understanding as well? If yes, then I propose that we add the new \$200,000 onto the existing grant agreement. Ok with you? I would also change the end date from Dec 31, 2009, to Dec 31, 2010. If you agree, I will prepare and issue a grant agreement amendment.

I further understand that \$20,000 will be used for fish monitoring. As this is a new task, I propose to issue Brown County a separate grant agreement for this monitoring. I'll need you to develop and submit a project scope that I will insert into the new grant agreement. Ms. Charbohneau did not have a monitoring project scope for me.

Questions? Please let me know.

Happy Spring!!

Mary Rose

Mary Rose Teves, Chief
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GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW

Date: April 1, 2009 Grant # (if applicable): 10233271Grant Title: West Shore Pike Habitat and Baird Creek Habitat Protection ProjectGranting Agency: NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric AdministrationGrant Period: 2009 to 2011

Brief Description of Activities/Items Proposed Under Grant:

Grant pays 100% for staffing, computers, travel costs, educational materials, cost share for landowners for habitat restoration projects on West Shore and Baird Creek

\$ Amount of Grant (in each year): \$250,137 Term of Grant: 2 yearsIs this a new grant or a continuation of an existing grant? ☒ New ☐ Continuation

If a continuation, how long have we received the grant? _____

Are the activities funded under the grant consistent with Executive/Board priorities and intent? ☒ Yes ☐ NoAre the activities proposed under the grant mandated or statutorily required? ☒ Yes ☐ NoWill the grant fund new or existing positions? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, explain (Note: grant-funded positions are limited-term staff): Staff hired would be limited to 2 year period of the grant.Are matching resources required? ☐ Yes ☒ No If so, what is the amount of the match and how will the requirement be met? _____

Explain any ongoing cost to be assumed by the County (i.e., maintenance costs, software licenses, etc.):

NoneExplain any maintenance of efforts once the grant ends: Buffer strips required by Brown County Ordinance.Removal of buffers would require enforcement work by Land and Water Conservation Department

APPROVALS

Bill Hays

Signature of Department Head

Date: 4-7-09Lynna VanderLingenberg

Signature of Director of Administration

Date: 4/9/09

West Shore Pike Habitat and Baird Creek Habitat Protection Project

Budget Narrative

Estimated budget West Shore Pike Habitat and Baird Creek Habitat Protection Project

Project management costs=	\$41,384
2 Technicians, 2 years =	\$274,090
2 tuff book computers with GIS capability =	\$10,000
Travel costs =	\$15,000
Outreach and educational materials =	\$10,000
Cost share dollars for Baird Creek expanded habitat buffers	\$150,000
Total grant request =	\$500,474

Project management: administrative over site of project estimated at .25 FTE per year and would include contract review, grant and other annual reporting on status of the project, supervision of technical staff, maintenance of GIS data base and working with Baird Creek Preservation Foundation on educational outreach activities including newsletters, media, identifying buffers with signs.

2 Technicians for 2 years:

\$274,090. Technicians will contact landowners, sell the need for conservation installation on private land, line up cost share agreements, record permanent easements and secure necessary permits, administer payment, design stream bank protection and wetland restoration areas, design new culvert systems that allow fish passage, enforce required buffer strip installation according to Brown County Buffer Strip ordinance to ensure minimum buffer strip protection of streams. Work with and assist private contractors on stream protection work. In Baird Creek use \$150,000 from grant as incentive to expand the buffer strip width from 35 feet to 100 feet wide at \$1000 per acre. In West Shore project use \$430,000 from Natural Resources Damage Assessment funds as incentive for landowners to restore wetlands, install buffer strips, correct culvert elevation problems that prohibit northern pike migration, and improve streambanks.

2 tuff book computers with GIS capability

Purchase two tuff book computers with GIS capability to track installation progress and provide data base for tracking financial and conservation progress of the project. \$10,000.

Travel costs

\$15,000 estimated travel costs for vehicles, gasoline, oil, repairs for staff to travel to field sites.

Outreach and educational materials

\$10,000 estimated costs for mailings of newsletters, purchase of buffer signs and stakes, promotional costs associated with Baird Creek Preservation Foundation annual banquet and other promotional items provided to landowners who participate in the project.

Cost share dollars for Baird Creek expanded habitat buffers

\$150,000 of cost share will be offered in Baird Creek project as an incentive to increase the width of the buffer strip from a mandated 35 feet (county ordinance) to a maximum of 100 feet. Cost share will be \$1000 per acre and be targeted to landowners closest to Green Bay City Boarder. This has the potential of protecting permanently through easement 150 acres of riparian habitat. Special priority will be given to obtaining expanded buffer widths in section 6 (see attached map of Baird Creek).

LAND CONSERVATION

Brown County

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BILL HAFS

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST

April 21, 2009

NOTE: Copy of letter sent to Joint Committee on Finance members Pocan, Colon, Mason, Shilling, Sherman, Grigsby, Vos, Montgomery, Miller, Hansen, Taylor, Lehman, Robson, Lassa, Darling and Olsen; as well as all Brown County Senators and Assembly representatives.

SUBJECT: State Budget Concerns for Land and Water Conservation

Dear Members of Joint Committee on Finance:

The Joint Finance Committee has announced that public hearings will be held on the state budget. The Brown County Land Conservation Committee discussed the proposed budget and its impacts on local land and water conservation issues at its March 23rd, 2009 monthly meeting.

The Brown County Land Conservation Committee and the Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department have the following comments regarding the Governor's proposed budget:

First, a \$500,000 cut was made to the base of the staffing allocation grant. This was not a lapsed amount that could come back when economic conditions permit but a permanent cut from the base budget. Half a million dollars was cut from the base of a staffing grant that was already inadequate to meet current need. DATCP, through staffing grants, again failed to meet the funding goal as stated in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 92, which states that the state would pay for an average of three county conservation staff by paying 100% of the first position, 70% of the second, and 50% of each subsequent position. Cutting \$500,000 from this grant further reduces the ability of counties to perform duties mandated by the state related to nutrient management and chapter 92. **We ask you to please support returning this funding to the staffing grant of the SWRM program at a minimum. Also, please support making a commitment to fully fund the staffing grant allocation formula.**

This staffing grant was also cut by an across-the-board cut of 1%. We understand that this cut is done in a manner thought to be equitable, but very real local health and environmental concerns dictate that the nonpoint program money not be further cut. **We ask you to please support returning this 1% to the staffing grant.**

About half the staffing grant, the GPR portion, will also be reduced by an additional 5%. Once again, with the additional 5% of GPR cut from the staffing grant, we believe that the nonpoint program cannot afford to lose more money. **We ask you to please support returning this 5% funding to GPR funds in the staffing allocation.**

A lapse of \$3 million was made to the fund intended to pay for nutrient management planning. In the last state budget a coalition of organizations succeeded in getting an additional \$6 million put in the budget annually to support nutrient management planning. Statewide, conservation organizations and informed citizens saw the importance of increasing the state's commitment to protect our waterways through nutrient management planning. **We ask you to please support restoring this \$3 million annually for nutrient management planning.**

Finally, the State Land and Water Conservation Board is proposed to be disbanded and replaced by a Council. The Land and Water Conservation Board is a policy-making body that includes three agencies (DNR, DATCP and Dept. of Administration) and 9 other members. Three of those members are elected at the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association statewide conference in even-numbered years. The proposal in the governor's budget is to make it a much smaller body, without policy-making authority, and with only 1 county representative, who is not necessarily involved in county conservation. By changing the Land and Water Conservation Board to a Council the authority to make policy is taken out. The governor's proposal will make the body much less democratic and further removed from the actual work that happens on the land. The current condition, with county LCC supervisors on the LWCB, the board has direct input from county staff that are responsible for the implementation of the nonpoint program. By removing that input the body becomes more bureaucratic and less connected to the people who do the work on the land. This change would result in a very minor (almost inconsequential) financial savings. It makes very little sense to make this change. **We ask you to please support leaving the State Land and Water Conservation Board in its current form.**

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,



Bill Hafs

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Attached petition asking for state to comply with chapter 92 funding

Conservation Funding Petition

We the citizens of BROWN County, Petition the Governor and the State Legislature to Fully fund County Land and Water Conservation Department staffing at 100% for the 1st employee, 70% for the 2nd employee, and 50% for all additional staff as identified in State Statutes 92.14 (6) and change the wording from "shall attempt" to SHALL.

Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department Staff work on a number of conservation activities including: State mandated conservation programs; Protection of surface and groundwater; Conservation compliance that protects agriculture from liability and improves agriculture economic profitability and Conservation Projects that improve sustainability, energy and promote tourism.

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20. Robert H.	8212 6th Rd W Greendale WI 54126	920-864-792

LENA C. TAYLOR

Wisconsin State Senator • 4th District

April 1, 2009

Bill Hafs
Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department
1150 Bellevue St
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Dear Mr. Hafs,

I received your correspondence voicing your opposition to Governor Doyle's proposed budget cuts and their effect on conservation in Wisconsin. Thank you for contacting my office about this matter. I take all of my constituents' concerns very seriously.

As you well know, our state faces trying times in the days ahead. However, I do not believe that the natural resources we have here in Wisconsin should have to suffer as a result. In 2007, I supported the passage of the historic Strong Great Lakes Compact (SB 523), and I have also been a staunch supporter of environmentally conscious legislation, including the passage of Supporting Clean Energy Schools (AB 625) and most recently the Protecting Wetlands through Notification (SB 553). Rest assured, as we debate the state budget your concerns will be taken into consideration.

I appreciate your feedback and active involvement in the policy-making process. Feel free to contact my office if you have additional ideas or concerns on this or other issues. As always, I am here to serve!

Sincerely,

LENA C. TAYLOR
State Senator-4th Senate District

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HERE TO SERVE YOU!